A MESSAGE FROM OUR MAYOR

CLS Citizens and Business Owners,

I remember that my first day to telework from home due to the COVID-19 was on March 17, 2020 and I cannot believe as I am writing this it has been 77 days ago. We have been living through some very different and dynamic times and I believe we are heading to some smoother waters to hopefully return us back to some normalcy. Through it all I want to thank every one of you for adhering to our declarations that were rolled out buy our President, Governor, County Judge, City Council, and myself. You made it so much easier than many other places that I observed trying to manage such policies during the last 11 weeks (still cannot believe it has been that long).

I know each of you have been flooded with all the information covering COVID-19 so I'm not going to go into much detail here to save you some time. Instead I'm going to focus on the word "flooded" that I just used and take a moment to remind you we are entering the one thing we really dread around here which is hurricane season that starts today, June 1st and goes to November 30th. In fact, as writing this we already have a named Tropical Storm Arthur in the Atlantic. So for our little community this means we need to be prepared now for if and when a hurricane comes our way.

Now it's not time to get toilet paper and hand sanitizer, like we did for COVID-19, but instead you need to have a well thought out emergency plan on what you and your family will do if a hurricane is heading our way.

A basic emergency supply kit could include the following recommended items:

- Water (one gallon per person per day for at least three days, for drinking and sanitation)
- Food (at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food)
- Battery-powered or hand crank radio and a NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert
- Flashlight
- First aid kit
- Extra batteries
- Whistle (to signal for help)
- Dust mask (to help filter contaminated air)
- Plastic sheeting and duct tape (to shelter in place)
- Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties (for personal sanitation)
- Wrench or pliers (to turn off utilities)
- Manual can opener (for food)
- Local maps
- Cell phone with chargers and a backup battery
- Download the Recommended Supplies List (PDF)
- The City of Clear Lake Shores put together a hurricane preparedness guide with all the resources you need to be hurricane ready. You can find the hurricane preparedness guide at www.clearlakeshores-tx. gov/hurricanepreparedness

Lastly, I want to recognize all of the Graduating Seniors for the Class of 2020. We will be hosting a special recognition of all of the City graduates Tuesday June 2, 2020 at The City Council meeting. Please join me in celebrating their great accomplishment and wishing them well as they move on to their next great endeavor.

May God bless CLS.
-Mayor Kurt